GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL DENTAL AND NURSING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of medical, dental and nursing colleges both in the public and the private sector alongwith the total number of seats earmarked to each of these colleges, State-wise; during the East three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up new such colleges in various States including Keraia; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite these proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The Central Government has granted permission for opening of 61 medical colleges, 98 dental colleges and 1061 nursing colleges during the East three years and the current year. The State-wise lists of such medical, dental and nursing colleges established during the last three years and the current year along with the number of seats are enclosed at Annexure-I, II, & III respectively.

(b)& (c) Under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna, the Central Government has proposed to set up six AIIMS like institutions in the under served areas, one each in the States of Bihar,Chhattisgarh,Madhya Pradesh, Orissa,Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.There is also a proposal to set up two more AIIMS like institutions in the State of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

As per the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, and Dentists Act 1948, as amended and Regulations made thereunder, it is for the State Government to decide the need to open a medical/dental college. Any person including State Government fulfilling the eligibility and qualifying criteria prescribed in establishment of medical/dental college regulations can apply to the Central Government for grant of permission for establishment of a new medical/dental college under Section 10A respectively.The applicants who fulfill the norms prescribed by Medical Council of India/Dental Council of India are granted permission by Central Government for establishment of new medical/dental college.

As for nursing colleges,the Central Government proposes to set up six new colleges of nursing at the site of AIIMS like institutions. There is a scheme under development of nursing services for upgradation of schools of nursing into colleges of nursing. Proposals have been invited from all the State including State of Kerala in this regard.